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1. LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING PROMISED LOA FOR PRESENTATION TO GOG.

2. GIVEN FACT THAT TOAL COST NOW EXCEEDS AVAILABLE FMS CREDITS, WOULD APPRECIATE ON URGENT BASIS PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATE FOR 76 MM GUN IN ACCORDANCE THIRD OPTION SUGGESTED PARA 3 REFTEL. HOPE AT LEAST APPROXIMATE DATA CAN BE SUPPLIED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS SO WE CAN GIVE FIGURES TO GOG WHEN WE PRESENT LOA.

3. IN EVENT GOG OPTS FOR LOWER COST 76MM GUN, SHOULD THEY SIGN LOA JUST COMPLETED IN ANTICIPATION HAVING IT AMENDED LATER? OR, ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD NEW LOA BE PREPARED SHOWING 76 MM GUN? IF LATTER IS CASE, WHAT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL DELAY TO GOG ORDER REQUIRED FOR PREPARATION OF AMENDED LOA? LIKE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA, ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTION ALSO NEEDED BEFORE WE DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER WITH GOG. STEIGMAN

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